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KUTTANAD PACKAGE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fund allocated so far for the implementation of Kuttanad Package in Kerala;

(b) the details of expenditure incurred on the said packages so far; and

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to resolve the impediments in speedy implementation of the said package?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): For development of Kuttanad Wetland Eco-system as a part of Rehabilitation Package for the farmers in suicide prone districts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra, the Government has granted `in- principle` approval for providing financial support involving financial outlay of Rs.1,840.75 crore for implementing various programmes/ interventions suggested by M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation.

As on 20th November, 2009, Government of Kerala has submitted 26 projects amounting to Rs.390.36 crore under Kuttanad package of which 9 projects involving amount of Rs.45.90 crore have been sanctioned/approved against which Rs.11.31 crore has been released. State Government has been advised to implement 7 projects involving Rs.112.54 crore under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Macro Management in Agriculture (MMA), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) etc. 5 projects involving Rs.95.28 crore are pending with concerned Ministry/Department of Government of India due to lack of certain clarifications from the State Government. State Government has been asked to submit revised DPR for 5 projects involving amount of Rs.136.64 crore.

(c): For speedy implementation of Kuttanad package, Government has approved constitution of an implementation mechanism consisting of Kuttanad and Alappuzha Prosperity Council, Task Implementation and Management Committee and a Project Management Unit. Besides, Government has constituted a Coordination Committee for sorting out the implementation issues in the package on a continuous basis with Government of Kerala. Various decisions to speed up the implementation of the package have been taken in the last review meeting that took place on 23-11-2009 in Delhi which was attended by Hon`ble Agriculture Minister, Minister of State (Agriculture), Members of Parliament from Kerala and officers concerned.